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Communist Leaflet - Campaign

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1	From The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident sent D.O. No. S 31st May. 40 regarding the systematic underground 'cell' Campaign and requesting to issue necessary instructions to the Mysore C.I.D. Subd for perusal with a draft to the IGP to issue necessary instructions to the Mysore C.I.A in the matter as desired by the Residency. RS 3/6 Appd - Issue. As regards prosecution of News Sheets, what is the action Police may take? MMS 3/6
2	Issued 5462/CS dt 3rd June. 40 to the IGP & Sch The letter to the IGP has issued. Their attn is invited to Sec 16 of the Mysore Newspapers Act 1940 by which any police officer may seize any unauthorised news-sheet or newspaper wherever found. Reference is also invited to the definition of unauthorised news-sheet. RS 4/6 Ack'ledge Res'y letter & say that action is being taken as desired in para 3 of the letter. MMS 4/6 Subd with a draft order to the Residency. RS 4/6 Appd MMS 4/6
3.	Issued D.O. Pl. 1597 dt 4th June. 40 to the Resn.

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SECRET.
D.O.No.

Bangalore,
31st May 1940.

My Dear Ramaswamy,

I am desired to say that despite recent arrests of communist agitators there is ample evidence that a systematic underground leaflet-campaign, which has developed with the war situation, continues its unlawful existence. Organized distribution of subversive propaganda calculated to foment opposition to the prosecution of the War and intended to demoralise the mass of the people, including the ranks of the Indian Army, so as to prepare the way for revolutionary violence, is confirmed in a wide variety of reports and is traceable to a net work of local communist "centres" and student accomplices largely inspired from a secret party headquarters operating from Bombay.

2. The distribution given to much of this type of propaganda is on an all-India scale and it follows, therefore, that not only is it most necessary for all C.I.Ds to take action whenever it is possible for them to do so, but that the closest possible collaboration between C.I.Ds is not only desirable but essential if any real advance is to be made in the endeavour to defeat this campaign which constitutes a considerable menace to the peace and security of India.

3. I am desired to request therefore that, if there is no objection, instructions may kindly be issued to the Mysore C.I.D. to keep any other C.I.Ds likely to be concerned closely and urgently informed by express letter or otherwise, not only of action, such as proscription, which they themselves may take, but also of any information which will enable other C.I.Ds to stop or stem distribution, and help them to act

Secret

The I G of Police

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Chief Secy. to Govt

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

SECRET.

Bangalore, Dated, 3rd June 1940.

No. 5464/CD
Encl

From

Rajasevaprasaktha
B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, Esq., B. A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JNW 3/6

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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D.O. letter (SECRET) dated 31st May 1940 from the Secretary to the Resident to the Chief Secretary to Government.

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Secret

The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret D.O. No [illegible] 31st May to regarding the Communist leaflet campaign and to state that the I.G.P. has been requested to issue necessary instructions to the Mysore C.I.D. as desired by you in your above letter.

Yours faithfully

Chief Secretary

4th June 40

SECRET.

D.O Pol. 1597/W 75-40-3.

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Major A.E.H. Maccan,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.